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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present my Annual Report on the Health of your District.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres).....63,717.

Population Census, 1921.....23,196

" " 1931.....23,544.

Estimated Resident Population 1931 ...23,780.

" " " 1938 ...25,469

Number of Inhabited Houses 6,306

Rateable Value .....£89,309.

Sum represented by a penny rate .....£338.8.4.

Social Conditions.

The population is part industrial and partly agrarian the main industries being coal mining, granite quarrying and, to a small extent, hosiery manufacture. These are all situated in the North of the District.

Vital Statistics.

Births, Legitimate	M.190.	F.167.	Total 357
" Illegitimate	M. 3.	F. 3.	Total 6
	193.	170	363.

Stillbirths - 15 legitimate, 1 illegitimate. Total 16.

Birth Rate ..... 14.9.

" " For England & Wales ..... 15.0.

Deaths ..... M.133. F.115. Total.248.

Crude Death Rate	10.1
Comparative Death Rate	10.5.
Death Rate for England and Wales	12.1
Deaths from Puerperal sepsis Nil. From other puerperal causes Nil.	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age Legitimate - 12. Illegitimate - Nil. Total	18
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births ...	33
" " " for England & Wales	50
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	38
" " Measles " "	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1

CAUSES OF DEATH (Civilians only)

Causes of Death	Males	Females.
All Causes	133	115
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Measles	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-
Influenza	6	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	-
Respiratory Tuberculosis	6	-
Other Tuberculosis	1	2
Gen. Paralysis of the Insane, tabes dorsalis	-	-
Syphilis	1	-
Cancer, malignant disease	13	25
Diabetes	2	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	8	6
Heart Disease	32	33
Aneurism	1	1
Other Circulatory Diseases	5	6

Bronchitis	6	3
Pneumonia (all forms)	5	1
Other Respiratory diseases	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	-
Diarrhoea etc, (under 2 years	1	-
Diarrhoea (2 years and over)	2	-
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	2	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
Other diseases of Liver	-	2
Other digestive diseases	3	4
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	-	4
Congenital Causes	4	2
Puerperal sepsis	-	-
Other puerperal causes	-	-
Senility	7	7
Suicide	1	0
Other deaths from violence	9	4
Other defined diseases	13	10
Causes ill-defined or unknown	1	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Hospitals provided or subsidized by the Local Authority or County Council:-

A. 1. Fever:- The Isolation Hospitals are controlled by the Leicestershire Osolation Hospitals(Committee. Patients are sent to such hospitals as have beds available for the disease from which they are suffering. The principal hospital is situated in this District.

A. 2. Small Pox:- There are two hospitals provided for the County as a whole.

B. 1.)
B. 2.) Tuberculosis, Maternity & Children's Hospital.

accomodation are controlled by the County Council and the matter is dealt with comprehensively in the County Report. The new County Sanitorium is situated at Markfield in this District.

Ambulance Facilities.

(a) For Infectious Cases:- Motor ambulances are provided in connection with the Isolation Hospitals.

(b) For non-Infectious Cases & Accident:- None under the District Council. The Leicester Royal Infirmary and other voluntary organisations provide the necessary facilities.

Clinics and Treatment Centres:- All under the County Council.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority:-

The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time official but does not engage in private practice.

The Sanitary Inspector, who is also Sanitory Surveyor devotes the whole of his time to his official duties.

Professional Nursing in the Home:- The County Council's Health Visitors visit cases in this District. There are District Nurses in all the larger parishes.

Midwives:- The Supervision of Midwives is vested in the County Council.

Chemical Work:- Analyses of foods and drugs are conducted by the County Analyst. The Medical Officer of Health analyses samples of water. Twenty-four samples were analysed during 1937.

Legislation in Force:- Bye-laws with respect to New Buildings were adopted for the whole District in 1925.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.	No. of Samples taken for analyses	131
	No. condemned	97
Wells.	No. closed	-
	No. cleansed, repaired etc.	14
	No. of cases in which Public Supply was substituted for well water	34

The recent Public Water supplies in Ibstock, Desford, Higham, Markfield and Thornton, continue, I am pleased to report, to be gradually taken advantage of and the supply in each instance has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

During the year Bagworth has been added to the villages with a public water supply and there have been two small extensions of the main at Desford.

(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No. of cesspools constructed during the year 14

No. of cesspools abolished during the year 2

Total number in district on December 31st .. 292....As at present known.

Particulars of any extension during the year:-

(a) Sewerage:-

Ellistown Sewer (500 yards) laid to take the sewage from 60 houses and Pit Head Baths at the Colliery.

(b) Sewage disposal:-

An extension of Market Bosworth Sewage Works.

(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in district on December 31st:-

(1) Privies .....50.....

(2) Pail closets .3,720.

(3) W.C's .....2,164...

No. of closets converted to the water carriage systems during the year:- (a) Privies ...N I L....

(b) Pails .....64.....

No. of Privies (middens) converted to pail closets during the year:- 628 covering 969 Houses.

(4) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The new System of Centralised Collection came into operation on October 1st last year, and service is now being given Weekly to the whole of the Rural District, 6640 Dust Bins and 3,720 Pail Closets being emptied each week.

628 Privies covering 969 Houses have been abolished during the year.

724 Ashpits covering 2,420 Houses have been abolished within the same period.

(6) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total No. of complaints received ... 184

Total No. of Defects or Nuisances discovered 107

Nature of Inspections:-

	Inspections	Revisits
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	840	76
Tents, Vans, etc.	8	10
Slaughter Houses	246	18
Food Premises	22	2
Dairies and Cowsheds	242	31
Offensive Trades	1	10
Animal Keeping	27	32
Workshops, etc.	14	-
Shops	-	-
Other Premises	-	-
TOTAL	1,400	179

(7) SHOPS.

Particulars of action taken during year under the Provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

	Outstanding from Previous year	Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding, 31st December
Sanitary conveniences	4	10	14	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Ventilation	8	1	9	-

(8) CAMPING SITES

No. of sites in area used for camping purposes during year -Nil

(9) REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	8	10	-	FAIR
Canal Boats	-	-	-	-
Offensive trades	1	10	-	FAIR

(10) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Particulars of oction taken:- Nil (No houses found infested)

(11) SCHOOLS.

(a)	Sanitary conditions ...	GOOD
(b)	Water supply of Schools ...	GOOD
(c)	No. of Schools disinfected and Method employed	NONE.

(12) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

No. in area:- N I L.

HOUSING.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	196
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	284
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under subhead (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932	24
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	30
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	48

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	51

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition orders were made	4
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition orders	4

4. HOUSING ACT. 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

(a) (i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	50
(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	50
(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	412
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	3
(c) (i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	7
(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	35

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(13) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply:-

COWKEEPERS.

No. on Register	No. of Inspections.	No. of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from previous year	Found During year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on 31st December.
316	130	4	40	36	8

DAIRYMEN OR PURVEYORS OF MILK.
(Other than Cowkeepers)

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on December 31st.
134	81	2	6	8	Nil

TOTAL CONTRAVENTIONS.

	Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding on December 31st.
Cleansing	-	9	9	-
Structural Alterations	6	3	9	-
Utensils	-	6	6	-
Other	-	14	12	2

MILK SAMPLING.

Class	Total number of samples taken for bacteriological examination	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory
Designated	-	-	-
Ordinary	6	6	-

(b) Meat and other Foods:-

No. of public abattoirs in district ... N I L

Private slaughter houses:-

	in Jan, 1938	in Dec, 1938
No. registered	12	12
No. Licensed	10	10

No. of visits to premises other than at times of slaughter ... 62

No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter 194

No. of knacker yards in district ... NIL

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total weight in lbs.
Number killed (if known)	56	784	96	1,214	842	Not known
Number inspected	48	520	72	792	820	Not known
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY Whole carcases condemned		3	-	-	-	2,400
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	.58	-	-	-	-